

Wednesday, March 8, 1905.

The people of South Carolina are greatly pleased with President Roosevelt's action in giving the name of their beloved state to one of the great battleships now being built at a cost of \$8,000,000.

The farmers who raise their own supplies at home are not worried over the price of cotton, which with them is a surplus crop. Nor are they the ones that have contributed to making the price so low by overproduction.

The date for holding the county convention of cotton growers has not yet been fixed. Those township which have not yet organized local associations should do so at once as it is very important that every township be represented at the next county convention. The more thoroughly the farmers organize themselves in this great movement for securing the reduction of the cotton acreage, the greater success will crown their efforts.

The suggestion made a few days ago that steps be taken for the organization of another building and loan association in town is deserving of more than a passing notice. The successful record made by all similar organizations here within the past few years would fully justify this form of an investment. There is abundant room for another such association here and the necessary steps for putting it on foot should be taken at an early date.

Lee county is badly in debt. An expert accountant was called in to see what was the financial status of the county and what the county had to show for the large expenditures. He has just made his report, which contains many suggestions to the voters of that county. The example of the baby county in taking the necessary steps to ascertain its true financial condition is worthy of emulation by old Fairfield. There is no doing business successfully without knowing where you are at.

The township assessors can do no little towards getting the county out of the financial hole, into which it has been placed, by making diligent efforts to see that all property in their respective sections is returned, and that at a reasonable valuation. An examination of the auditor's books reveals the fact that while there was an increase in the valuation of all the property of the county the past year as compared with the previous year, yet there were a number of districts in which there was a distinct falling off. Certainly it can not be that there is any room for the depreciation of the property in any district to any marked degree, and when such is the case it is due to the township assessors not doing their duty. School trustees too can contribute much to increasing the income of their respective districts by seeing to it that all polls are returned. Every bit of the taxable machinery should be keyed up to the very highest notch at this time so that the county may be able to prevent that monster debt from getting a tighter hold on it.

It is not only well for the farmers to be taking every necessary step for securing a reduction in the cotton acreage, but they should also see to it that they raise at home all their supplies. As the time for planting draws near, we would again urge upon them the value of sorghum as a forage crop, which will yield an abundance of the very best feed at very small cost, if planted on good land. In fact, as we have given frequent instances to show, there is no other crop that will yield so good returns as this. It will be recalled that Professor Spillman, agrostologist of the department of agriculture at Washington, in his address here last year, gave it as his opinion that sorghum is the plant that promises more to the Southern farmer than any other. It is the experience of those farmers of Fairfield, who have given it a fair trial, that Professor Spillman is eminently correct. To those who have tried this excellent forage crop, it will not be necessary to say anything of its value. Those who have not tried it should do so. Try it on good land, give it the same attention as cotton and the results will be manifest.

## CHARLES B. SKIPPER ACQUITTED.

The Jury in the Case of Charles B. Skipper, for the Killing of James B. Caskey, Brings in a Verdict of Not Guilty After Being Out Only Twenty Minutes.

After being out for the short space of twenty minutes, the jury in the case of Charles B. Skipper, for the killing of James B. Caskey, brought in a verdict of not guilty. It was a matter of general surprise that the jury, after having been closely confined on this case for three days, could be able to bring in a verdict in so short a time. So there were but a few in the court room at the time those happy words fell from the clerk's lips upon the ears of the defendant who had taken the greatest interest in the trial throughout. There was a demonstration of joy between him, the members of his family and the close friends who were still with him.

The case, as was announced last week, was opened Tuesday morning. The jury was empaneled in quick time. It was remarkable for the intelligence and the character of those composing it. Fairfield was honored in being able to furnish a jury of such a high order to try this case that had been transferred from a sister county.

The most remarkable feature of the whole trial was the powerful speech of Solicitor Henry in the closing argument for the state. While he had been very unwell for several days and spoke under great physical suffering, yet it was the verdict of all that it was one of the most able speeches ever made in that court house. It was an admirable plea for the majesty of the law, and for all to invoke its strong right arm in the settlement of their troubles rather than to take the law into their own hands. While remarkable for the fearlessness of spirit displayed, it was no less so for the spirit of fairness that characterized it. It was an able prosecution, but in no sense a persecution. It is an honor to the sixth judicial circuit to have a man of so much force of character and so much strength of mind to represent the State of South Carolina as is Solicitor Henry.

The taking of testimony was begun Tuesday at noon. That afternoon the State had finished its direct testimony. Wednesday was largely consumed in taking the testimony of the defense. The State then began its testimony in reply, ending the same in about an hour after the opening of court Thursday morning. The defense offered to submit the case to the jury without argument, but the State did not accept this proposition.

The opening speech for the State was made by Mr. W. H. Newbold of Chester, who was assisting Solicitor Henry.

The principal speech for the defense was made by Mr. McDonald, who reviewed the whole case in all its aspects and made the great speech of his life. It was a very able plea and was delivered in that happy manner that characterizes the utterances of this most able attorney.

Another strong speech for the defense was that of Senator Hough, who made an eloquent plea for his client.

It was a matter of regret to all that Hon. T. Y. Williams was not able to make a speech on this occasion, as he had conducted the cross-examination for the defense throughout the trial in such a manner as to win the admiration of all for the intelligence and grasp he had of every phase of the case. His indisposition gave an opportunity for a speech by his brother, Mr. Reese Williams, who acquitted himself in a manner that would have reflected credit on one of much longer experience at the bar. He is a most pleasing speaker.

A very interesting feature of this trial was the large number of ladies who graced the court room at each session, adding dignity to the proceedings by their presence. It was their good fortune to hear a case that was free from any objectionable testimony or any sensational features. Thanks to his Honor, there were no delays that too frequently occur in the court room, for a remarkable feature of the trial was the rapidity with which everything was dispatched. His Honor very properly ruled out all irrelevant matter and every thing that was likely to prolong the case unnecessarily. Both by the admirable manner in which he presided and his very able charge to the jury, Judge Purdy made a most favorable impression.

It is possible to give only a brief outline of the testimony, which differs but little as given by the state and the defense up to the final moment when the fatal shot was fired. On the night previous to the killing, which took place at the Lancaster Cotton mills, December 25, 1903, there was a dance given to the operatives of the mill. Among those who attended the same was

James B. Caskey, who lived in the country. While there he was under the influence of whiskey, got into trouble with one of the operatives of the mill and later on with Mr. Barron, and had to be put out of the hall. Mr. Skipper, superintendent of the mill, saw to it that Caskey was done no bodily harm while being put out of the hall. The next morning before Mr. Skipper arose, Caskey came to his house, but did not get to see him. A little later Caskey overtook Mr. Skipper, who was on his way to the hall where he was to distribute Christmas presents to the operatives, and demanded that he give him his pistol and whiskey, which he supposed that Mr. Skipper had taken from him the night before. These Mr. Skipper did not have, and so Caskey left him. While down at the hall, it was reported to Mr. Skipper that Caskey was waiting for him at his home. Thereupon Mr. Skipper secured a shotgun, in the handling of which he was given the necessary instructions, and in company with Messrs. Barron and Clayton proceeded to his home with the purpose of making Caskey leave the premises. Not finding Caskey there and seeing him in the road, the three proceeded on to Dees' store. Mr. Skipper advised his two companions to go on the opposite side of the road, as he expected Caskey to open on him at first sight. Mr. Skipper went into the store, and as he came out Mr. Barron either said to him, "There he is," or "Look out to your right," referring to Caskey, who was seated on a dry goods box. Mr. Skipper then leveled his gun on Caskey and fired. The state claims that Caskey made no effort to shoot Mr. Skipper, while it was claimed by the defense that, as Mr. Skipper raised his gun, Caskey put his hand on his hip pocket, as if to get a pistol, and that as he fell his hand was still on the pocket.

There was abundance of evidence from the very best men of Lancaster to show that the deceased had been in frequent troubles. This fact counted much in the securing for the defendant an acquittal, which, but for the general character of the deceased and the reported threats that he had made as to Mr. Skipper, does not seem could have been possible under the facts established by the state and admitted by the defense.

## A Severe Cold for Three Months.

The following letter from A. J. Nussbaum, of Batesville, Ind., tells its own story: "I suffered for three months with a severe cold. A druggist prepared me some medicine, and a physician prescribed for me, yet I did not improve. I then tried Foley's Honey and Tar, and eight doses cured me." Refuse substitutes. Sold by McMaster Co.

## An Apt Illustration.

A good many people seem to think that a dispensary or a bar-room in a town is a good thing because there is some revenue to be derived from it. It is like the fellow who went to work and had a very expensive well dug near his house, and would daily set fire to the house in order that he might find use for the water in quenching the fire, and then claiming that the well was a paying investment.—Easley Progress.

## Pneumonia Follows a Cold

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"I fear you are forgetting me," She said in tones polite; "I am indeed for getting you, That's why I came to-night." —Selected.

If it is a bilious attack take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and a quick cure is certain. For sale by Obeur Drug Co.

## Marriage Effects.

Who marries for intellectuality or genius exclusively will have a cold time. Who marries for position or money will have a hot time. Who marries for figure or form will have a rough time. Who marries for purity will have a gentle or peaceful time. But who marries for heart exclusively will have a sweet time.—Ex.

## For Over Sixty Years

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"For every wound you give another, The beauty of his life to mar, Oh! bear in mind, my thoughtless brother, Your own poor heart must wear a scar." —Selected.

Make your druggist give you Murray's Horehound, Mullen and Tar. Cures your cough. 25c. a bottle.

## William Orr Sloane.

William Orr Sloane, only child of Mr. William Sloane of Columbia, S.C., and Mrs. Jennie Boag Sloane of Winnsboro, S. C., was born April 23, 1888, in Columbia, S. C.

In 1889, he removed with his parents to Winnsboro, S. C., the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Boag, with whom he has since lived. At twelve years of age, he was received by the session of the Presbyterian Church into their communion, and until the time of his death continued regularly to frequent the Sabbath and weekday services as well as the young people's society of which he was an interested member. At Sabbath school on January 22, he was in his usual place when he was suddenly stricken with pneumonia. For two weeks he struggled bravely against the fell disease, but it was soon evident in spite of the tenderest care, that his constitution, never strong, was giving way, and on Monday February 6, 1905, at 9 P. M., he passed quietly to his last rest.

He was of a kindly and affectionate disposition, honest, generous and truthful, always seeking an opportunity for little acts of kindness to those about him. These lovable, and noble traits of character, implanted in infancy, and fostered by the loving care of his fond grandparents, and devoted Christian mother, he possessed in a remarkable degree. Almost the last intelligible words that he uttered showed this consideration for others.

"Grandma," he said with difficulty on account of his extreme weakness, as his grandmother approached his bedside and kissed his brow on the last morning of his life on earth, "how did you rest last night?"

The funeral services were held in the Presbyterian Church conducted by his pastor, Rev. S. C. Byrd, on Wednesday at noon, February 8, 1905 after which the body was carried to the A. R. P. cemetery, and interred by the side of his dear mother who preceded him so recently. The ground was white with an icy mantle when he was laid away, but the beautiful floral tributes brought by loving hands made a bright spot in the chill expanse, as the hope of a resurrection in desolate hearts.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the stricken grandparents, to whom it seemed that he might have been spared to comfort their old age. But God saw fit to carry him first over the river, and we can only wait in patience, leaving him with the great throng of the redeemed who constantly beckon us to the shining shores.

## Has Stood the Test 25 Years.

The old, original GROVE'S Tasteless Chill Tonic. You know what you are taking. It is iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure, no pay. 50c.

## Blythwood School Honor Roll.

The following is the honor roll of Blythwood high school for the month ending February 24, 1905. Those attaining an average of 95 per cent or more in scholarship are ranked highly distinguished; those attaining 90 per cent or more distinguished:

Highly Distinguished—Ida Smith, Hugh Clinkscales, Henry Clinkscales, Maude Hawley, Belva Brown, Dessa Brown, Tom Black, Jesse Boney, Charlie Boney, Brooks Raines, Willie Phillips, L. Z. Hood, Maud Moore, Nannie Belle Raines, Jesse Raines.

Distinguished—Newton Jenkins, George Raines, George Smith, Viola Watts, Carrie Boney, Laura Lorick, Clyde Wooten, Robert Reynolds.

## For an Impaired Appetite.

Loss of appetite always results from faulty digestion. All that is needed is a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will invigorate the stomach, strengthen the digestion and give you an appetite like a wolf. These Tablets also act as a gentle laxative. For sale by Obeur Drug Co.

## McLeod-Raines.

There was a very pretty marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Cornwell of Longtown on February 22nd, the contracting parties being Mr. J. R. McLeod and Miss Mattie Raines. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. T. C. Raines, and is an estimable young woman of fine qualities. The groom is a fine business man and is to be congratulated upon winning such a woman for a life companion. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. H. J. Mills. Immediately after dinner, the happy couple left for their future home in Lee county, carrying with them the best wishes of many friends.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

It is important that the meeting of the Winnsboro Municipal Democratic club called for Friday evening be well attended, as arrangements will be made at this meeting for the primary to be held the third Monday in March, the 19th, for the purpose of making nomination for the municipal election to be held the first Monday in April. As the primary practically determines who are to be the next town officials, there remain less than two weeks for the political heeled, if there be any in town, to be about their work. But all should keep in mind that it is important for the town to have the very best officials possible.

## The President Would Do.

While James Jeffrey Roche was having a chat with President Roosevelt in the White House a few days ago the telephone bell was ringing somewhat persistently says the Boston Herald. There being no attendant at hand, the president excused himself and went to answer the repeated call. This is the conversation that took place on the line, according to the testimony of the distinguished gentleman at the president's end of it:

"Well, what is it?"  
"Hello, is Archie there?"  
"No, he's not."  
"Who's this I'm talking to?"  
"The president."  
"Well, you'll do. Tell Archie to come over and play ball."  
And the president proceeded to execute the order as directed.—Ex.

## Post Master Forty Years.

Probably one of the oldest postmasters in the point of seniority in the State is Mr. W. W. Crosby of Crosbyville. Mr. Crosby was first appointed assistant postmaster in 1865 and held that position until 1870. Then he was appointed postmaster and has held that position continuously since—a period of 35 years, making a service of 40 years for the government. If there are any postmasters of longer service in South Carolina the State would be glad to hear of them.—The State March 7th.

"If time is precious no book that will not improve by repeated readings should be read at all."—Carlyle.

"If we encountered a man of genius and intellect, we should ask him what books he read."—Emerson.

"Books are the best things, well used; abused, among the worst."—Emerson.

THEIR NAMES  
HOUSEHOLD WORDS

Why is it that when baking powder is mentioned the names of one or two brands at once come to my mind? Why when soap is spoken of do people think of a certain few kinds? Or when sarsaparilla or root beer is being discussed why is it that nine out of ten people will name the same makers?

Because all have been so advertised that their names have become household words. And the same can be said of scores of other articles of every description. They have been advertised day after day and year after year in the newspapers and the magazines and by other means.

In every city there are several concerns which are the largest in their respective lines. They are known by everybody in town and in the surrounding territory. It will be observed that these concerns are liberal users of newspaper advertising and that their advertisements appear practically every day.

It is by means of their advertising that they have gained their widespread reputation, and they continue to advertise because they find it profitable to do so.

It is possible for any merchant to cause his name to become so associated with that of his city that to mention one is to suggest the other. There is no way by which this can be done more easily and cheaply than by using the newspapers. They enable a merchant to keep before the public, day in and day out, so constantly and persistently that his name and business become household words. —Portland (Me.) Express.

The way to make your name a household word in this town is to keep your advertisement in this paper. It goes regularly into the homes and is read by the people.

## A Second Shipment====

OF PURE BLISS RED AND WHITE IRISH POTATOES for planting expected daily. Former shipment sold out at once. These are the very best seed to be had.

I have nice eating potatoes on hand.

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Geo. R. Lauderdale.

## New Goods and Good Goods.

You will find a complete line of Canned Meats from the best packers.

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